



**STATE OF TENNESSEE
TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

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COUNCILS COMMITTEE

Board of Education Conference Room
Andrew Johnson Tower, Ninth Floor
Thursday, May 3, 2007
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Committee Members Present

Joetta Yarbro, Chair
Sue Pilson

Committee Members Absent

Sidney Bynum
Beverly Cosley
Michelle Crowley
Denise Hobbs
Barbara Holden
Chey Korvandi-Geledar
Dana Lesley
Christy Little
Jerry Maness
Diane Neighbors
Colonel Robbins

Staff Present

Linda O'Neal, Executive Director
Kathy Daniels
Rodger Jowers
April Swoner
Norma Tolliver
Elaine Williams
Gwendolyn Wright

Staff Absent

Richard Kennedy, Field Operations Director
Dana Cobb
Robert Smith
Diane Wise

I. Welcome and Introduction

Committee Chair Yarbro convened the meeting at 12:37 pm.

There were not enough members present for a quorum. O'Neal advised the members recommended action from the committee for the Commission meeting will require a second due to the lack of a quorum.

II. Approval of February Minutes

The February 2007 Committee minutes will be approved at the July 2007 meeting.

III. Children's Defense Fund Healthy Child Campaign (ACTION)

O'Neal recommended TCCY signing on as an organizational supporter for the Children's Defense Fund Healthy Child Campaign. All members were emailed detailed information and a sign-on form.

MOTION: IT WAS MOVED (YARBRO) AND SECONDED (PILSON) TO SUPPORT THE ACTION FOR TCCY TO SIGN ON AS AN ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORTER FOR THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND HEALTHY CHILD CAMPAIGN. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

IV. First Focus Children's State Advocacy Project Update

O'Neal reported TCCY was not selected to receive the First Focus Grant. There were four applicants: TCCY, Tennessee Health Care Campaign, Tennessee Primary Care Association and Reconciliation Ministry. Tennessee Primary Care Association was selected to receive the grant funding for Tennessee. Kathy Wood-Dobbins, CEO for Tennessee Primary Care Association (TPCA), contacted TCCY and a meeting is scheduled to discuss their plans. Handouts with more detailed information regarding TPCA were received by all present.

V. Southeast Regional Coordinator

Daniels reported she will be moving to Chattanooga and taking the Southeast Regional Coordinator position. This will leave the Upper Cumberland position open. Over the next couple of months she will make the transition and will continue to participate in varying degrees with the Upper Cumberland Regional Council until a new coordinator is hired.

VI. Town Hall Meetings

Yarbro reported hearing positive feedback regarding the town hall meetings.

Daniels reported the Upper Cumberland town hall meeting was a success. Approximately 50-60 people attended. In attendance were mental health advocates, foster care workers and education representatives. Handouts were provided to all present. In the near future, she will facilitate another town hall meeting in the Southeast Region. All TCCY Regional Coordinators have already or will host town hall meetings in their regions.

VII. Program Monitoring

- VIII. Wright reported her grant monitoring findings from her visit to the Madison County juvenile court services youth apprentice program 4/30/07 to be a positive use of the grant monies. Detailed information was provided to all present.

IX. Children's Advocacy Days (CAD) 2007

Yarbro reported CAD was a success. The evaluations were very good. All present were at CAD; therefore comments were brief.

X. Review of Regional Coordinators Activities

Information regarding the individual Councils and Coordinator activities was presented by Kathy Daniels, Upper Cumberland, Gwendolyn Wright, Memphis/Shelby County, and April Swoner, Mid-Cumberland. Rodger Jowers, Southwest, and Elaine Williams, South Central, will present their reports at the full Commission meeting. Dana Cobb, Northwest, Diane Wise, Northeast, and Robert Smith, East Tennessee, were not present, but a detailed report was submitted to the Commission members. The Southeast Council position is vacant, but a detailed report is included in the handouts.

Yarbro noted that Robert Smith's wife is in the hospital, Dana Cobb's husband is in the hospital and Diane Wise's sister is going through intensive chemotherapy, and asked everyone to keep their well-being in our thoughts.

XI. Other Business

O'Neal reported the Governor spoke this morning on the changes in the Basic Education Plan (BEP). Handouts were provided to all present.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:

Minutes Approved by:

Richard Kennedy
Director of Field Operations

Joetta Yarbro
Councils Committee Chair

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